

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1216

Introduced by Assembly Member Wyland

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 51224.3 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1216, as introduced, Wyland. Instruction: English writing.

(1) Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include English, including knowledge of and appreciation for composition.

This bill would require the course of study in high school to incorporate instruction and evaluation of composition skills, as specified, thus imposing a state-mandated local program by imposing new duties on school districts and county offices of education.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51224.3 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 51224.3. (a) The governing board of a school district and a
4 county office of education maintaining a high school shall
5 prescribe a course of study designed to incorporate instruction
6 and evaluation of composition skills into all courses.
7 (b) Standards for composition skills shall be based on entrance
8 writing examinations administered by the University of
9 California and the California State University.
10 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
11 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
12 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
13 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
14 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.